

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

*Please amend the claims as follows:*

1. *(Currently amended)* An image capturing apparatus that is capable of loading a plurality of memory media, comprising:
  - a plurality of medium wearable units in which a respective memory medium is loaded detachably;
  - a medium selector for selecting from said plurality of medium wearable units a write-execution medium wearable unit that executes writing of data; and
  - a selection controller for controlling said medium selector, said selection controller having an automatic selection controller for automatically selecting said write-execution medium wearable unit according to a predetermined automatic selection basis that reflects a user's medium selection trait,  
wherein said predetermined automatic selection basis is set based on the order of media loaded to said plurality of medium wearable units.

2. *(Original)* The image capturing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said selection controller selects another medium wearable unit when the available memory of said write-

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execution medium wearable unit selected according to said predetermined automatic selection basis is not enough.

3. (*Original*) The image capturing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said selection controller automatically selects another medium wearable unit when the available memory of said selected write-execution medium wearable unit in use is not enough.

4. (*Canceled*)

5. (*Original*) The image capturing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said predetermined automatic selection basis is set based on the resolution of image data to be written.

6. (*Original*) The image capturing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said predetermined automatic selection basis is set based on the type of data to be written.

7. (*Original*) The image capturing apparatus as claimed in claim 5 or 6, wherein said data to be written is classified into image data and non-image data.

8. (*Original*) The image capturing apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein said non-image data is audio data.

9. (*Original*) The image capturing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said plurality of medium wearable units adapt to different types of memory media, and said types of data to be written correspond to the type of memory media in said predetermined automatic selection basis.

10. (*Original*) The image capturing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a selection basis setting section for setting at least one selection basis selected from a plurality of said predetermined automatic selection bases.

11. (*Currently amended*) The image capturing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a mode switch for switching between a manual selection mode, which a user manually

selects said write-execution medium wearable unit, and an automatic selection mode, which said an automatic selection controller selects said write-execution medium wearable unit.

12. (*Original*) The image capturing apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein said selection controller selects another medium wearable unit when said memory medium is not loaded in said write-execution medium wearable unit selected by the user under said manual selection mode.

13. (*Original*) The image capturing apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein said selection controller notifies the user that said memory medium is not loaded when said memory medium is not loaded in said write-execution medium wearable unit selected by the user under said manual selection mode, and notifies the user that said memory medium be loaded in said medium wearable unit where said memory medium is not loaded.

14. (*Original*) The image capturing apparatus as claimed in claim 13, wherein said notice is made by audio.

15. (*Original*) The image capturing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising at least one notice means providing a notice in different ways according to a status of said medium wearable unit.

16. (*Original*) The image capturing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a power controller for controlling the power supply to said medium wearable unit that is not selected as said write-execution medium wearable unit.

17. (*Currently amended*) A method for recording data of an image capturing apparatus, comprising:

preparing a plurality of medium wearable unit; and  
selecting from said plurality of medium wearable units a write-execution medium wearable unit that executes writing of data;

controlling said medium selecting said write-execution  
medium wearable unit according to a predetermined automatic  
selection basis that reflects a user's medium selection trait,  
wherein said automatic selection basis is set based on an  
order of media loaded to said plurality of medium wearable units.

18. (*Canceled*)

19. (*Currently amended*) The data recording method as claimed in claim [[18]] 17, wherein said controlling said selecting selects another medium wearable unit when there is not enough available memory in said write-execution medium wearable unit selected according to said predetermined automatic selection basis.

20. (*Currently amended*) The data recording method as claimed in claim [[18]] 17, wherein said controlling said selecting automatically selects another medium wearable unit when the available memory of said selected write-execution medium wearable unit in use is not enough.

21. (*Canceled*)

22. (*Currently amended*) The data recording method as claimed in claim [[18]] 17, wherein said automatic selection basis is set based on the resolution of image data to be written.

23. (*Currently amended*) The data recording method as claimed in claim [[18]] 17, wherein said automatic selection basis is set based on the type of data to be written.

24. (*Original*) The data recording method as claimed in claim 22 or 23, wherein said data to be written is classified into image data and non-image data.

25. (*Original*) The data recording method as claimed in claim 24, wherein said non-image data is audio data.

26. (*Original*) The data recording method as claimed in claim 17, wherein said plurality of medium wearable units adapt to different types of memory media, and said types of data to be written correspond to the type of memory media in said predetermined automatic selection basis.

27. (*Currently amended*) The data recording method as claimed in claim [[18]] 17, further comprising setting at least

one selection basis selected from said predetermined plurality of automatic selection bases.

28. (*Currently amended*) The data recording method as claimed in claim 17, further comprising switching a manual selection mode, which a user manually selects said write-execution medium wearable unit, and an automatic selection mode, which ~~said~~ an automatic selection controller selects said write-execution medium wearable unit.

29. (*Original*) The method for recording data of an image capturing apparatus as claimed in claim 28, wherein said controlling said selecting selects other medium wearable unit when said memory medium is not loaded in said write-execution medium wearable unit selected by the user using said manual selection mode.

30. (*Original*) The method for recording data of an image capturing apparatus as claimed in claim 28, wherein said controlling said selecting notifies the user that said memory medium is not loaded when said memory medium is not loaded in

said write-execution medium wearable unit selected by the user using said manual selection mode, and notifies the user that said memory medium be loaded in said medium wearable unit where said memory medium is not loaded.

31. (*Original*) The method for recording data of an image capturing apparatus as claimed in claim 30, wherein said notice is made by audio.

32. (*Original*) The method for recording data of an image capturing apparatus as claimed in claim 17, further comprising notifying for providing a notice in different ways according to a status of said medium wearable unit.

33. (*Original*) The method for recording data of an image capturing apparatus as claimed in claim 17, further comprising controlling the power supply to said medium wearable unit that is not selected as said write-execution medium wearable unit.

34. (*Currently amended*) A recording medium for storing a program that is executable by a computer of an image capturing

apparatus, the program comprising selecting from a plurality of medium wearable units a medium wearable unit that executes writing of data according to a predetermined automatic selection basis that reflects a user's medium selection trait, wherein said predetermined automatic selection basis is set based on an order of media loaded to said plurality of medium wearable units.

35. (New) An image capturing apparatus capable of loading a plurality of memory media, comprising:

a plurality of medium wearable units in which a respective memory medium is loaded detachably;

a medium selector for selecting from said plurality of medium wearable units a write-execution medium wearable unit that executes writing of data; and

a selection controller for automatically selecting said write-execution medium wearable unit according to a data characteristic that reflects a user's medium selection trait.

36. (New) The image capturing apparatus as claimed in claim 35, wherein said data characteristic is set based on the resolution of image data to be written.

37. (New) The image capturing apparatus as claimed in claim 35, wherein said data characteristic is set based on the type of data to be written.

38. (New) A method for recording data of an image capturing apparatus, comprising:

preparing a plurality of medium wearable unit; and selecting from said plurality of medium wearable units a write-execution medium wearable unit that executes writing of data according to data characteristics reflecting a user's medium selection trait.

39. (New) The method as claimed in claim 38, wherein said data characteristic is set based on the resolution of image data to be written.

40. (New) The method as claimed in claim 38, wherein said data characteristic is set based on the type of data to be written.

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41. (*New*) A recording medium for storing a program that is executable by a computer of an image capturing apparatus, the program comprising selecting from a plurality of medium wearable units a medium wearable unit that executes writing of data according to data characteristics reflecting a user's medium selection trait.

42. (*New*) The recording medium as claimed in claim 41, wherein said data characteristic is set based on the resolution of image data to be written.

43. (*New*) The recording medium as claimed in claim 41, wherein said data characteristic is set based on the type of data to be written.